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1. On the night of 1 - 2 July, someone attempted to burn down the newsstand of the Partido Comunista del Ecuador (PCE), located in the arcade of the Guayaquil post office. However, this attempt only succeeded in destroying some of the propaganda material stored therein and damaging the interior walls and floor. The PCE feels that Accion Revolucionaria Nacional Ecuatoriana (ARNE) was responsible for this attempt.
2. During the latter part of June and early July, the newsstand made sales of from 20 to 200 sucres a day. The material most commonly sold was as follows: Union Sovietica; Por Una Paz Duradera, Por Una Democracia Popular; La Mujer Sovietica; Tiempos Nuevos; Historia del Partido Comunista de la URSS; all sent from abroad, plus the PCE newspaper, El Pueblo. Some sales were also made of small paper-bound books, printed in the USSR and glorifying in fiction Soviet war heroes.
3. On 13 July sales of the newsstand had fallen off greatly, and on 9, 10, and 11 July daily sales did not exceed 1.60 sucres. This sudden and sharp drop in sales was caused by the shortage of propaganda material and was interpreted by the PCE as a sign that the government interception of propaganda in the Guayaquil post office was becoming even more effective.

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